

## BELGIANS LOYAL BUT SUFFERING

All Efforts of Germans to Break Spirits Fail; Hague Convention Useless.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 7.—The story of three years of German violation of the covenants of The Hague convention, during the Teutonic occupation of Belgium since the world war began, was told briefly today by Gaston de Leval, of the bar at Brussels, to members of the American Bar association, in convention here.

The happening of excessive fines, the punishment by death and imprisonment of Belgian men and women and children unwarrantably accused of treason and lesser crimes, and the deportation of his compatriots into slavery, were discussed by Mr. de Leval from a legal viewpoint.

People loyal despite sufferings. Notwithstanding all the suffering and tyranny to which the Belgian population has been subjected, the speaker asserted, the people are as patriotic now as when in the early period of the war they stemmed the German flood at Liège.

No matter how much the Germans have advertised their victories and how impressively they have shown the Belgian population is just as hopeful as during the first days of the war, that the cause of civilization will triumph, and that tyranny will be crushed, because they know that the right is the only might, and that the Lord has said: "Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

Separate Flemish and Walloons. "Since the very beginning they (the Germans) called the Flemish population," he said, "they tried to make it believe that Germany was helping them, and that they were the cause of the trouble. The Walloons, they told them, owing to the German efforts, these Walloons and Flemish elements were to be set aside and the Flemish population emerge richer, freer with its own language in the foreground."

But the people did not listen to these siren songs. So the Germans added compulsion to persuasion, and by their new law made one country of the Walloons and one country of the Flemish, hoping, of course, that after the war the Flemish population at any rate would be a stepping stone for Germany to further conquest.

But this separation is only on paper, and is not and will never be completely obtained. All the children of Belgian departments have remained rather than carry out such instructions, and the Germans are now seeking to Germanize the chiefs of those departments.

Tribute to America. Mr. de Leval also paid tribute to America's aid to his country, and especially to Brand Whitlock, former minister to Belgium. "If Brand," he said, "will go down in history, adding, 'I know that in no other country of the world so much freedom and justice, in this country, at freedom and justice, do the sufferings of the Belgians arouse sympathy. You have saved Belgium from starvation, and till the day of time there will be in each village of Belgium a memorial to the men who remained loyal to the cause that if the Belgians have not died out, honor for his preservation is due to the citizens of a free and generous America."

Mercer's Living Place. Mr. de Leval also paid tribute to cardinal Mercier who he said "stood in the central place like a living flag of Belgium, like a religious living, and from all the world he received the homage due to his courage and genius."

Alluding to The Hague convention, Mr. de Leval quoted Article 43, which states that the military authority when occupying a country, shall respect the laws of that country and make no changes unless there is an "absolute necessity."

"What is an absolute necessity?" Mr. de Leval continued. "Unfortunately, the Hague convention, at its definition and the speeches of its members throw little light on the subject."

"Necessity" Made in Germany. "The Germans have given to 'absolute necessity' a wonderful extension. If a law is required by which a machine can be taken out of Belgium to be used by a German manufacturer for no matter what kind of work useful to the German empire, it is found an 'absolute necessity' to empty a Belgium to replenish a German factory. If a German politician thinks that a certain rule imposed on Belgium will have some political force in Germany in a quarter of a century, that rule will be established in Belgium by 'absolute necessity,' if Belgium cannot seem to fail to the Germans to be relied upon when a German interest is involved, it will be an 'absolute necessity' to modify the rules of those courts and to bring before a special court, 'made in Germany,' all questions in which such interest is concerned."

Hague Convention Violated. "When tested by the facts, in Belgium," The Hague convention, at its rate in this matter, proved almost valueless. It is very nice to say that the occupant shall not in 'its' existing law of the occupied territory except in case of absolute necessity. But, as I have just asked, what is absolute necessity? It may be a moral, or rather, immoral, it may be a legal or illegal, it may be an economic necessity; it may be a political or a military necessity. Who is to decide? Who is to be the judge of this most perplexing issue?

"Impotent Hague conventions," exclaimed Mr. de Leval. "If the gentlemen who sat around the diplomatic tables at The Hague, when drafting the rules by which the civilized nations bound themselves, had foreseen that in war, could hear all the armaments, all the names that were laid by suffering populations on them for what seemed to be so carefully drafted rules, they would indeed be unhappy."

Turks Make Sandbags For Trenches of Women's Veils. Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 7.—Women's veils and the tapestries of private homes in Constantinople are being used for the manufacture of sandbags for the Turkish trenches, according to one of the Constantinople correspondents of the Geneva Tribune.

The Turkish authorities in Palestine and Syria have informed the local officers of Beyruth and other towns, the correspondent says, that 1,000,000 sandbags are required in the trenches, and that for this purpose, women's veils and tapestries are being used.

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HOSPITAL NEAR VERDUN IS ATTACKED BY AVIATORS. Grand Headquarters of the French army in France, Sept. 7.—The Verdun hospital in the region of Verdun was again bombarded by German aviators for six and a half hours Wednesday night. Nineteen persons were killed and 24 wounded. The hospital contained only severely wounded men, who were unable to move from their cots.

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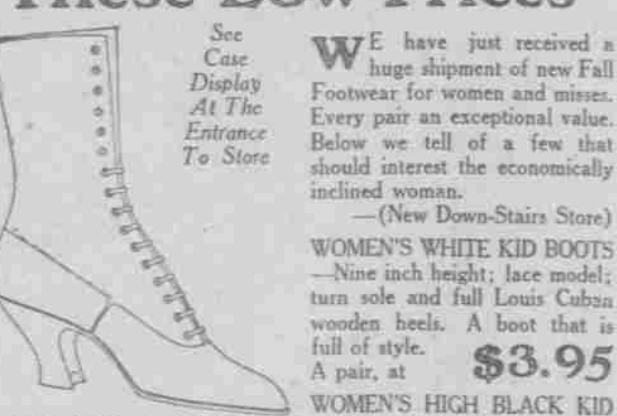


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**CHILDREN'S HOSE**—In black or white. A pair, at **15c**

**CHILDREN'S SOX**—Rolled top; white with striped tops. A pair, at **12 1/2-2c**

**CHILDREN'S SOX**—All rolled top; white or colors; fancy tops. A pair, at **19c**

**CHILDREN'S HOSE**—In black only. A pair, at **21c**

**CHILDREN'S HOSE**—In black only. A pair, at **25c**

**WOMEN'S HOSE**—Cotton, in black or white. A pair, at **15c**

**TO** parents who again this Fall face the "crisis" of outfitting the boy or girl for school, "The Popular's School Week," (and by the way the event closes Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock), will appeal with telling force, not only because of its many true economies but for the dependable character of everything con-



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**HEADWEAR**—Wide variety of children's and boys' headwear for Fall. Woolens, Velvets and Plushes, fancy corduroy and combinations. Clever novelties in a large variety. Sizes for small lads or **59c to \$3.75**

**KNICKERBOCKER PANTS**—A real value in boys' narrow wale corduroy, knickerbocker pants, in mouse brown; sizes 7 to 16 years. Saturday only, a pair, at **\$1.00**

**BOYS' BLOUSES AND SHIRTS**—We are maintaining quality at slightly advanced prices where old prices are impossible. Our boys' shirts and blouses are guaranteed fast color. As always, styles and patterns in greater variety than past seasons. You'll surely find satisfaction here in boys' shirts or blouses. Priced at each, **60c**

**NEW THINGS JUST RECEIVED**—In boys' Overcoats, Mackinaws, Underwear, Pajamas and Flannel Sleepers; also Neckwear and other furnishings. —(Fourth Floor)

**Beautiful Indeed Is The New Millinery, At \$5.00**



**NEW Autumn Millinery of Panne Velvet**, in a host of charming new styles—high crush crowns, roll rims, sailor, side roll and mushroom shapes. Shown in black, brown, navy, cardinal, French blue, coral, white and taupe. The values are quite remarkable! The hats are unusually smart and in such variety that becomingness is assured and choosing a pleasant task. Select your hat Saturday from this great collection at **\$5.00**. —(Fifth Floor)

**Women's Silk Petticots At \$2.59**

**A SPECIAL** purchase of new petticoats of a splendid quality taffeta in a big variety of colors, including navy and black; also attractive changeables. Cut full and wide to give ample support to the new flare styles. Deep flounces that add greatly to the beauty of the skirts. You'd consider them cheap at \$2.95 and \$3.45. Specially priced for Saturday's selling, at each, **\$2.59**. Don't miss participating in this rare event tomorrow.

**\$3.50 Gossard, Mme. Lyra and Franco Corsets, \$2.95**

**JUST** for Saturday, we make this sensational offer, and this is done to bring you into our newly enlarged Corset Department, just opposite the elevators, on the Fourth Floor.

These three standard makes of Corsets need no introduction to the women of the Southwest. They are and have been among our three leading lines for a number of years.

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**Women's Novelty Boots, \$7**



**STYLE NO. 140**—Women's boots, with black kid vamps; small perforation on vamp and tip; pearl grey cloth top; hand turn sole; leather Louis heel, with steel plate. Priced **\$7.00**

**STYLE NO. 141**—Women's boots, with patent kid vamp; faux cloth top; fancy Milo buttons; plain toe. Made on the new drop French last. An ideal value, at a pair, **\$7**

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**GIRLS' FROCKS OF SILK**—Tasteful and appealing very strongly to girls who admire beautiful styles and rich silk taffetas, from which these dresses are made. They are shown in Rose, Copenhagen, Green, Brown, Navy and Plaids. Sizes 6 to 14 years, and the price **\$9.95**

**REGULATION MIDDY BLOUSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL WEAR**—Just received Thursday. They're made of an exceptionally fine quality white drill and braided in a most nifty manner. Some have large black Windsor ties that add greatly to their appearance. Every one bears the "Bob Evans" label, which assures its owner that it's a high grade middy. Each, at **\$1.95 and \$1.45**

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**CHILDREN'S PARASOLS**—Final clean-up of silk, linen and linen; parasols. Some remain from a special purchase that we sold great quantities of at \$1.00. While they last here Saturday, your choice, at **50c**

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**GYMNASIUM SUITS**—For women and misses. Well made of a good grade mohair at \$2.50; also "Oym" style of bloomers, that will wear well, priced at **\$2.50**

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